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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1978

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1. UPI - JIM ANDERSON: LEAD: THE UNITED STATES IS CON-
SIDERING A SWAP INVOLVING SOVIET DISSIDENT A. SHCHARANSKY
AND TWO SOVIET OFFICIALS BEING HELD IN THE UNITED STATES
ON CHARGES OF ESPIONAGE, ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS SAID
TODAY.

OTHER POINTS:

-- TO EMPHASIZE OPPOSITION TO THE SENTENCE IMPOSED ON
SHCHARANSKY THE ADMINISTRATION IS ALSO CONSIDERING
ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION, OFFICIALS SAID.

-- IDEA HAS CAUSED RIFT WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION,
WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OPPOSING SANCTIONS ON THE
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GROUND'S THEY WOULD BE INEFFECTIVE.

-- BRZEZINSKI FAVORS STRONG ACTION AGAINST THE SOVIETS,
INCLUDING RESTRICTING BUSINESS TRAVEL AND CONTACTS, US
OFFICIALS SAID.

-- VANCE OPPOSES BUSINESS SANCTIONS.

-- US OFFICIALS SAID SEVERAL OPTIONS WERE UNDER CONSIDERATION AND THAT A SWAP WAS ONE OF THEM.

2. WASHINGTON POST, DON OBERDORFER:

LEAD: SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIALS AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF REFLECTION, ARE TAKING THE LATEST GAFFE BY UN AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG VERY SERIOUSLY AND ARE SAYING, IN EFFECT, THAT IT HAD BETTER NOT HAPPEN AGAIN.

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE, WHO DISCUSSED YOUNG'S REMARKS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER BY TELEPHONE FROM GENEVA . IS BELIEVED TO HAVE CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER WITH THE PRESIDENT SINCE ARRIVING HERE IN BONN.

-- ONE HIGH OFFICIAL SAID EMPHATICALLY THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THERE NOT BE ANOTHER SUCH CONTROVERSY-MAKING AND UNDIPLOMATIC STATEMENT BY YOUNG.

-- ANOTHER SENIOR OFFICIAL ROLLED HIS EYES AND CLAPPED HIS HAND TO HIS HEAD WHEN ASKED ABOUT YOUNG AND SAID HE WAS SORRY EVEN TO THINK OF THE PROBLEMS BECAUSE 'ANDY IS A FRIEND.'

-- NOBODY IS SAYING THAT A MUZZLE HAS BEEN PLACED ON
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THE UN AMBASSADOR, BUT THAT SEEMS TO BE THE EFFECT.

-- IN GENEVA VANCE TOLD YOUNG IN FORCEFUL TERMS THAT HIS STATEMENTS WERE WRONG, THAT THE TIMING WAS BAD AND THAT THE STATEMENTS WERE DISTINCTLY UNHELPFUL .

-- DRESSING DOWN COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERED WITH CONSENT OF THE WHITE HOUSE.

-- ON THE ISSUE OF WHETHER AND HOW TO SHOW DISPLEASURE FOR THOSE SENTENCES, VANCE AND STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE WEIGHED HEAVILY AGAINST RESTRICTING US EXPORTS TO THE SOVIET UNION .

BRZEZINSKI IS REPORTED TO HAVE FAVORED CANCELLATION OF A COMPUTER SALE TO TASS. BUT WITH VANCE'S STRONG OPPOSITION, SUCH A MOVE NOW SEEMS UNLIKELY.

SOME OFFICIALS HERE BELIEVE CARTER HAS ALREADY DECIDED ON THE COUNTERSTEPS, BUT IS WAITING TO ANNOUNCE THEM AFTER HE RETURNS TO WASHINGTON.

-- IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE US WILL RELY ON QUIET DIPLOMACY TO CONVINCE THE SOVIET UNION TO GRANT MORE LENIENT TREATMENT TO THE DISSIDENTS.

-- DESPITE RECURRENT RUMORS, HOWEVER, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT A SWAP OF THE SOVIET DISSIDENTS FOR RUSSIANS HELD ON SPY CHARGES IN THE UNITED STATES IS IN SIGHT, ACCORDING TO ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS.

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